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UNEMPLOYMENT IN ARUBA MAY REACH 40 TO 50 PERCENT

ORANJESTAD— The year-end message of Lieutenant Governor Pedro Bislip, was a quite informative one regarding the various occurrences of 1984, both pleasant and unpleasant ones.

He spoke of the government, politics, the commercial and industrial sector, of social and ecclesiastical aspects, labor and syndicalism, and public order. With regard to the labor sector, he spoke of the work force in Aruba according to data received, informing that the working population consists of 21,700 men and 6,400

woman, and that the unemployment rate is 30 percent.

The way things look up to now, with the closing of Lago the unemployment rate will rise by 10 to 15 percent, if there is no positive change at short notice, he said.

"With this I wish to illustrate that a recession of our economy, whatever the reason may be, will immediately or in a short time be reflected in the unemployment rate, which will in its turn have consequences for our islands according to Lieutenant Governor Pedro Bislip. He went on pointing

that the closing of Lago represents a significant and enormous influence on the economy of Aruba. It does however, not signify the destruction of our economy without ado, he indicated.

"We must all join force and wisdom and have the spirit of perseverance to wane the result of the recession in our economy," he said.

According to Mr. Bislip in his message, one of the elements to accomplish this is by creating an optimal investment climate to which all the sectors in our community must contribute.

FATAL SHOOTING IN ST. MAARTEN

PHILIPSBURG— About 4 a.m. Sunday, residents of the Backstreet were awakened by the sound of shots followed by the screams of a woman in the area of the GEBE powerhouse on the Pondfill. The first people to reach the location found a woman identified as Mariana Illidge laying on the ground with a bullet wound in her shoulder. Following her indicate the body of a man identified as Alfonso Hodge of Colebay was found laying on the parking lot in front of the powerhouse with a bullet wound in his head. The culprit of the shooting is a man identified as Wilfred Romney, better known

as "Freddy" a former resident of Aruba and a former employee of the Telephone service in San Nicolas and an employee of Telegram Office in Sint Maarten. According to reports, Freddy was a former lover of Mariana and had lived with her for two years. After their relationship ended, apparently Freddy wanted to renew their friendship which she spurned in favor of Alfonso Hodge. An argument between the two rivals started in front of a discotheque in the early hours of Sunday morning and ended in the lamentable incident on the Pondfill. The culprit reported himself to the police later Sunday morning.

CARNIVAL SEASON OPENED IN ARUBA

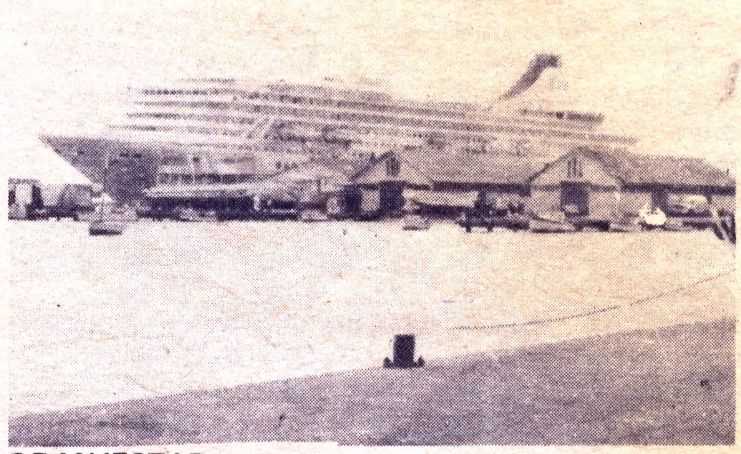


A T-Shirt Parade in Oranjestad Saturday night launched Aruba's 31st. Carnival Season which will end on February 17

with the world-renowned "Aruba's Grand Carnival" Parade. As is customary, scores of activities including:

elections, coronations, contests and parades have been scheduled to be held in all districts of the island.

ROYAL PRINCESS MADE FIRST CALL TO ARUBA



ORANJESTAD: The brand new 45,000 ton British cruise ship "Royal Princess of the P & O Lines" docked in Oranjestad harbor Tuesday morning, January 8 with 1200 tourists on board. The ship was laun

ched only a few months ago by H.R.H. Princess Diane. The ship was a very impressive sight in the harbor with its gleaming white superstructure forward above the building on the water front.

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Editor's Corner,

A REALISTIC APPROACH

As usual, at the end of each year, speeches are made by the lieutenant governors of the individual islands of the Netherlands Antilles and by other prominent members of the community. One of the most realistic speeches made at the ending of the past year was by the Lieutenant Governor of Curacao, Mr. Ronnie Casseres. Our first editorial of this year is made up of excerpts from that speech. Mr. Casseres admitted that although there were many intents to combat crime during the past year, still many of us were the victims of insults, abuse, robberies violation, attacks and even assassination. That, according to Mr. Casseres, creates frustration among those who in one way or another are carrying on the struggle against crime and on the other hand causes panic among the public in general who feel themselves threatened. A strong indication of this alarming situation is the number of petitions received during 1984 from people requesting permits to carry firearms to protect themselves, their property, and their family, said Mr. Casseres. He pointed out that the Police Corps, the public Ministry and the court of justice are important factors to maintain order and stability in the community, but that it is impossible for them alone to function adequately and with absolute responsi-

lity in the struggle against crime which is such a threat to us. In the meantime, said Mr. Casseres, we as members of the community, tolerate and accept violation of our laws and regulations, and even our parliamentarians and our government functionaries and the publicity media help to oppose and refuse to support the law when illegal acts are committed. He emphasized that we ourselves continue to conserve and support the cradle of crime of which we are the victims. He said that we should realize that we have entered into a vicious

circle of hypocrisy which will be our destruction unless together we have the courage to get out of it. On the one hand we are proclaiming the struggle against crime while on the other hand we create the opportunity for the formation of criminal mentalities, he said. For financial, political, or friendly motives, we tolerate and accept that our brother, parents, neighbor, political friend, colleague or business associate, commit acts against the law but we try to silence our conscience by using arguments such as: "Oh he's not molesting anybody, he is just trying to make a living, give him a change". According to Mr. Casseres by such arguments we are trying to justify the illegality of the act, but we forget that each violation of our laws and regulations, no matter how small, is the beginning of a process that sooner or later will culminate into a criminal act.

The reason we chose Mr. Casseres' speech as our editorial is because we believe that by frankly analysing the self-criticism in it we can make resolutions at the beginning of this new year to contribute positively to combat the rising tide of crime in our islands.

Village Talk



by WILLY

Well some people had tell Willy dat becausin tings ain't lookin' so rosy de new year bacanal wouldah been more quiet. But dis is Aruba, an' de new year start ouk wid de same big bang.

A Curacao lady tell Willy dat is jus' dis year she buy more skyrocket dan ever. She say dat is becausin Aruba passin' thru a bad luck toim an' dat de skyrocket dem is to chase away de bad luck. She say in Curacao dey does call it "manda fuku bai"

Willy glad to hear dat dey goin' to build more hotels in Aruba. But still Willy wondah how Stanley brother ask for a permit to build a restaurant ouk by de loithouse in California fo' so long an' he can't get it yet.

One ah de new houses dem in de Village finish so long an' up to now nobody ain't livin in it. Till now de thieves dem start thiefin de sunsash dem already.

Willy remembah when Henny Eman had say dat Lago goin' dey say dat he was seein' jumbie in plain day lite. Well now Lago goin'. So Willy wondah who is de "Ghost Buster?"

Willy hear dat de "Senator" gettin fraid dat people from Aruba goin' invade he country to look fo' wuk, so now he planin' to close de door. But he bettah remembah dat we ain't get independence yet.

Willy don't loik dis joke dey always mekkin' bouk bomb on plane. Willy tink dat ef somebody really put a bomb on a plane dey wud keep dey mouk shut.

Willy ask a old carnival tes' ef he playin mas dis year an' he say "man Willy wha' goin' stop me, ef gotta come ouk in crocus bag is playin' mas ah playing"

BAD MANAGEMENT - GOVERNMENT - CAN ONLY LAST SO LONG

Taken by observer from A.T.I.A. News

The Netherlands Antilles in general and Aruba in particular are in financial problems did his happen overnight? Although there are definitely circumstances that accelerated or culminated into the price of going through a string of from mediocre to incompetent governments, island as well as federal. Our business sector being the only tool we have for the creation of productive jobs, has been neglected too long. Rather than promoting investments by creating incentives, successive governments have opted to im-

pose more controls and restraints upon our sector. There has been a chronic imbalance between the control and promotion functions of governments in this respect. Whenever hard times threatened to come upon us, so far, we were always lucky to be able to collect bonanza taxes from Lago, to accelerate collection on arrear taxes (mismanagement) and raise prices for government services to plug budget gaps. At no time, however, governments took a second look at their unrestrained spending, ever-increasing

personnel levels, bureaucracy and poor investment policies. Governments became more and more inaccessible to other sectors. Being able to simply meet government executives, even on urgent matters, became a highly prized favor. "Time is money" no longer counted for certain political leaders. It had to come to the present situation for governments to start realizing, although hesitantly and reluctantly, that the merry-go-round cannot go on forever. The time has now come that governments:

-Put order in their own household. Budget deficits should be eliminated. This will not be accomplished by announcing for years already, that unpopular measures will be taken, but by actually taking them. Politicians who for years have reaped political benefits from their financial mismanagement should have the guts to "do the dirty work", themselves. Though we applaud the idea of instituting commissions to evaluate the situation and measures to be

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M.E.P. alone will form an Aruban govt.

ORANJESTAD — Aruba ruling M.E.P. Party leader Betico Croes told THE NEWS today that by the weekend M.E.P. will have formed a new Aruba island government without benefit of opposition or business and labor factions.

"Since the formation of a national government (with the participation of all parties) or a government with business and labor participation is not possible, M.E.P. will assume its responsibility and form a government alone," Croes vowed.

He said the party will meet by itself all this week to form a new island government dominated by the 1983 elected 12-man M.E.P. faction in the 21-seat Aruba Island Council.

The same island government resigned en bloc Christmas Eve on Croes' suggestion at the start of Council debate on M.E.P.-forged controversial belt-tightening austerity measures.

Critics say the resignations were planned so Croes could be free to select the new government's powerful six island Commissioners by himself.

Djamilla Oduber Elected Caribe Queen

ORANJESTAD— The Caribe Club announced that Miss Djamilla Oduber was elected as Queen of Caribe during the Club's New Year's

Dance. She will be crowned during the Caribe Anniversary Dance on January 26. Djamilla is the daughter of Mr. and Horacio Oduber



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Hierbij wordt ter algemene kennis gebracht, dat tenzij wettelijke regelingen het tegendeel bepalen, verzoekschriften, welke gericht worden aan de Staten van de Nederlandse Antillen met het doel om in behandeling te worden genomen, voorzien dienen te zijn van het vereiste zegel en van een behoorlijke ondertekening door de verzoeker(s).

Voor de goede orde wordt hierbij de aandacht gevestigd op artikel 29 van het Reglement van Orde voor de Staten van de Nederlandse Antillen, opgenomen in Publicatieblad Anno 1957 no. 45, welk artikel als volgt luidt:

"1. Na de opening der vergadering doet de voorzitter een korte opgave van de sedert de laatste vergadering ingekomen stukken en stelt zodanige processuele beslissing aan de Staten voor als de aard der stukken medebrengt. Beraadslaging omtrent deze stukken betreft uitsluitend de te volgen procedure van behandeling.

2. Indien een ingekomen stuk betreft een verzoekschrift, dat niet ondertekend dan wel niet voorzien is van het vereiste zegel, wordt het door de voorzitter ter zijde gelegd. De voorzitter geeft van die terzijdelegging telkens kennis aan de vergadering en aan de belanghebbende."

De Voorzitter der Staten

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ARUBA TOURISM INCREASED 77 PERCENT

The Aruba Government reported last week that a total of 210,166 tourists visited Aruba during 1984 and increase of 14,977 tourists com-

pared to the 1983 total of 195,189 tourists.

The U.S.A. as in previous years, continued to be the most important market. Venezuela was

second but dropped 24.7 percent as compared

to the previous year from 28,474 in 1983 to 21,434 in 1984.

AMERICAN GROUP INTERESTED IN LAGO

Reports have it that an American group is presently on the island seeking information about the Lago refinery. Informed sources say that

the group is willing to keep the refinery operating on the condition that it be given the option to explore and exploit any oil that might

be found in Aruba's territorial waters.

Reportedly, a member of the group is Diego Giordani, an ex-lawyer of the Superior Oil co.



Minister Croes ...

NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARAB GROUP IN DOUBT

ORANJESTAD— Minister Croes told the press earlier this week that he does not see much chance for positive results in the negotiations with the Arab group, who

is reportedly interested in the purchase of Lago. Other sources in Aruba also expressed doubt about the negotiations, and believe that the so-called group consists perhaps of only one individual. Minister Croes also told the press that it is his opinion that Exxon and Venezue-

la would not be in favor of a competitive refinery in Aruba. He said that the Lago is going to close down and that most like-

ly the date of the closure of the Shell refinery in Curacao will be announced before the end of this year.

BAD MANAGEMENT ...

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taken, we fear that these commissions will also be used as scapegoats.

-While there may be individual companies where wage trimming may be necessary, for the private sector we prefer that this be done on a voluntary basis. The financial problems of governments

stem from bloated payrolls, overspending and low productivity and not from high wage levels in the private sector. The private sector always have to keep itself tuned to realistic cost levels. The choice is simple: Either bend or go broke! Unfortunately this has never been applied to government finances. The announced measures of a

general nature can, therefore only be seen as a smokescreen, as a sales gimmick to be able to sell these measures to their employees.

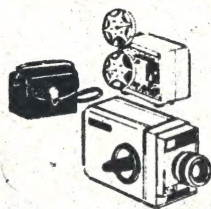
-We should learn from past mistakes. Millions are being plunged annually into a losing venture named Aruven. When everybody thought that Aruven was going to get rid at last of the Aruba Caribbean Hotel some fantastic venture was announced involving a partner that would invest in the renovation and be given the hotel management contact (and thus recover his investment) another partner (contractor) that would also invest and would be involved in the renovation and extension of the hotel (and thus also recover his investment), and Aruven that has never been able to run their own affairs.

At this stage we would

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Swapping posts at the White House

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan announced a swap in his leadership team yesterday nominating his Chief of Staff James Baker to be Secretary of the Treasury replacing Donald Regan, who will take Baker's place at the White House.

Reagan appeared in the White House briefing room to make the surprise announcement with both men at his side. He said the switch would occur as soon as Baker is confirmed by the Senate.

He said Baker, 54, would become the administration's chief economic spokesman. Regan, 66, will be designated a member of the National Security Council and remain a member of the Cabinet.

"They both compiled outstanding records of achievement," Reagan said. "Each has indicated to me that while willing to serve in whatever capacity I would wish, each would welcome an opportunity to assume new responsibilities and new challenges."

Regan, an ex-Marine who came from the Wall Street firm of Merrill Lynch to head the Treasury Department, rose during the first term, through his loyalty and ability to articulate the administration's position, to become chief economic spokesman for the administration.

Baker, when confirmed, will assume those duties, as well, the President said.

Both will serve on the National Security Council, Reagan said.

With the departures of Meese and Interior Secretary William Clark, and the intention of Jeane Kirkpatrick to resign as U.N. Ambassador, conservatives were perplexed at the thought of Baker having sole access to Reagan's ear.

Also leaving the Reagan team is long-time California associate Michael Deaver, whose public relations responsibilities were to have been

transferred to Baker's authority.

"After four grueling years in their current positions a desire for change is completely understandable," he said.

After the announcement, the three men returned to the Oval Office to meet with other Presidential aides, including soon-to-depart counselor Edwin Meese, who is expected to win confirmation as Attorney General.

Baker's rise to the top of the White House power struc-

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Women who work suffer less depression

Married women who stay at home suffer from depression three times as often as women who work, shows a study to be published later this month.

The findings, by a UCLA researcher, agree with two studies reported this fall that suggest working women's careers often provide an outlet for stress and contribute to good mental health. The study also shows women are twice as likely to suffer depression as men.

"A woman faces more competing demands — running a home, child care, working — than a man," says sociologist Carol Aneshensel, who interviewed more than 1,000 men and women ages 18 to 92.

Depression affects nearly 1 in 5 USA adults. Among the study's conclusions:

- For married women who stay at home, loneliness, isolation and low self-esteem often aggravate depression. Employed married women, even those with high-stress jobs or marriages, have more outlets to release frustrations.

- Single adults are twice as likely to be depressed as the happily married. But when there's marital stress, married people show higher depression rates.

- Adults age 18-24 are at highest risk, probably because they face major life decisions and stresses for the first time — school, career, marriage.

- Least likely to be depressed: An employed, married man with children living at home.

Aneshensel's study will appear in the book *Stress, Social Support and Women* (Hemisphere Publishing), to be published at the end of the month.

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Nancy Reagan happy over second White House term

WASHINGTON (UPI) — American First Lady Nancy Reagan is "looking forward" to another four years in the White House and hopes to pursue her No. 1 project—to rid the country of the scourge of drug abuse among youth.

Sheila Tate, her Press Secretary, said that Mrs. Reagan

is taking "one step" at a time in the busy weeks ahead, with four days of inaugural activities on her agenda.

She has come to know that she has a lot of power to move mountains in helping those in need.

Mrs. Reagan entered the

White House with some of the same trepidation as her predecessors. None of them knew what to expect. Many of them found the constant spotlight oppressive and resented their lack of privacy, although privacy they do have in the family quarters, at Camp David and other retreats.

But sooner or later, First Ladies have learned that although a lot is expected of them, they do get a lot in return.

Mrs. Reagan had her trials in her first days in the White House. Her renovation project for the family quarters, her purchase of expensive china and other changes were written about and portrayed an image that she later turned around—so much so that Good Housekeeping Magazine today puts her at the head of the list of most admired women.

First and foremost is her devotion to the President. She did more solo campaigning before the election than she ever had before, managing to tie in political appearances with promotion of her cause against drugs.

She acknowledges that she is a worrier and she is so tuned in that she was one of the first to realize that the President had not done as well in the first debate as with Democrat Walter Mondale. She is quoted as telling one of the aides: "What have you done to Ronnie?"

But her face that night told the story. She looked worried. White House aides know that

Mrs. Reagan is ever watchful that the President not be overtaxed.

Even when it was clear that the President would win reelection, you could not get Mrs. Reagan to say so, on grounds that she is superstitious.

When she fell, failing to step down from a platform bed, she hit her head and suffered some dizziness. As a result both she and the President did not enjoy the thrill of election night as much as they might have. She later said she would like to have a replay of that evening.

She is on the telephone a lot with Deputy Chief of Staff Michael Deaver, who handles the President's appointments, and considers him a close friend dating back to the California gubernatorial days. She usually calls "Mike" if she has a problem.

Close observers say she does not try to influence policy, but she does put a word in about personnel and has her likes and dislikes, depending on how she thinks they are serving the President.

She is an excellent hostess and she has a designer wardrobe.

Her weight loss has sometimes worried her friends, but her aides insist she is in good health. She said that she has been anaemic for a long time.

She keeps abreast of the news but denies that she has prompted the President with answers. Once at the Reagan ranch near Santa Barbara, California, when the President was being quizzed about arms control negotiations, she was

overheard saying, "tell them we're doing all we can."

But the First Lady said that she was "talking to myself."

She is eminently protective of "Ronnie" and he of her.

Although he keeps his temper, he becomes outraged at any

story that he feels is derogatory about his wife.

An aide describes as a "sad situation" the family squabble with Reagan's adopted son, Michael, 38, who angrily took exception to Mrs. Reagan's comment that he was estranged from the family.

There is some fence mending going on. When television reporter Sam Donaldson asked Mrs. Reagan if the feud had been resolved, she smiled and said, "Merry Christmas, Sam."

When Donaldson asked the President the same question, Reagan replied: "Nancy gave you a very good answer. Merry Christmas."

Mrs. Reagan is finding like most of the occupants before her—that the White House is not the place to make new and good friends. She still retains her close coterie of friends from Los Angeles.

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ture four years ago was surprising, given his background as an opponent of Reagan.



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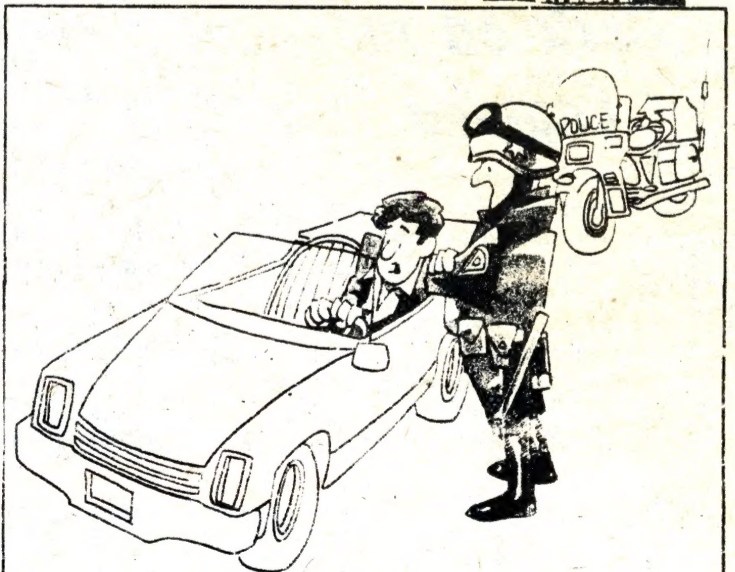
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SHELL WANTS TO BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH FIRM GOODWILL TO SAVE THE COMPANY

WILLEMSTAD—
The General Manager of Shell Curacao N.V. Ernest van Mourik Broekman, expressed the hope that everyone will begin this new year with firm goodwill to save the company and that its sanification may progress rapidly.

In his message he maintains that the year 1984 was a year of much uncertainty. In the first place, the big losses suffered by the Company caused much uncertainty. "This because every body realizes that such losses, if they continue will irrevocably lead to the end of the company, the company's general director stated in his message.

According to the director of Shell Curacao, the preparatory phase of a rescue plan, which must be solid enough to during a few years clearly show in what direction things are going, also caused uncertainty. As it is known the rescue plan includes a series of conditions that must be fulfilled, to ensure the existence of the Shell refinery in Curacao.

Van Mourik Broekman states that he hopes that the direction in which the company is heading is in broad lines obvious to everyone at this time, while it will gradually be-

me more concrete. In the first place it means that Shell Curacao only has a chance of surviving if it is able to complete with more efficient refineries. This requires a considerable additional reduction of our expenditures and personal involvement of everyone on the job, the director said. Here he did not mention what the reduction implies, but evidently it has relations with the reduction of

the workforce. The general director says furthermore, that another condition for the survival of Shell Curacao is a closer relationship with Venezuela, on account of the additional supply of heavy, Venezuelan crude oil, at acceptable conditions. The way things look at this time we will truly get this additional crude supply, although some important aspects must still be negotiated, according

to the director in his new year's message. He said that in order to give these measures a permanent character, a close involvement of the community of Shell Curacao, as an important pillar of the economy of Curacao, is necessary. For that reason as it is known Shell proposed to the government that it acquire a major share in

Shell Curacao N.V. Van Mourik Broekman hoped for firm goodwill to save the company and progress rapidly with its sanification. He said that he realized that such would demand sacrifices from the entire personnel of the company, but that all will see this as an essential part of the rescue plan.

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from a carrier other than Lufthansa.

Airlines are required to turn over all baggage not claimed from international flights to customs agents for routine inspection, King said.

An autopsy will be needed to determine what caused the woman's death, but there were no signs of trauma on the body, Lang said. "There are signs of suffocation," he added.

The woman was fully clothed and had a scarf over her head when she was found, Lang said.

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Jackson in England

LONDON, England (UPI) — The Reverend Jesse Jackson met with the Archbishop of Canterbury Monday as part of his international campaign to galvanize the world's moral leaders against Apartheid.

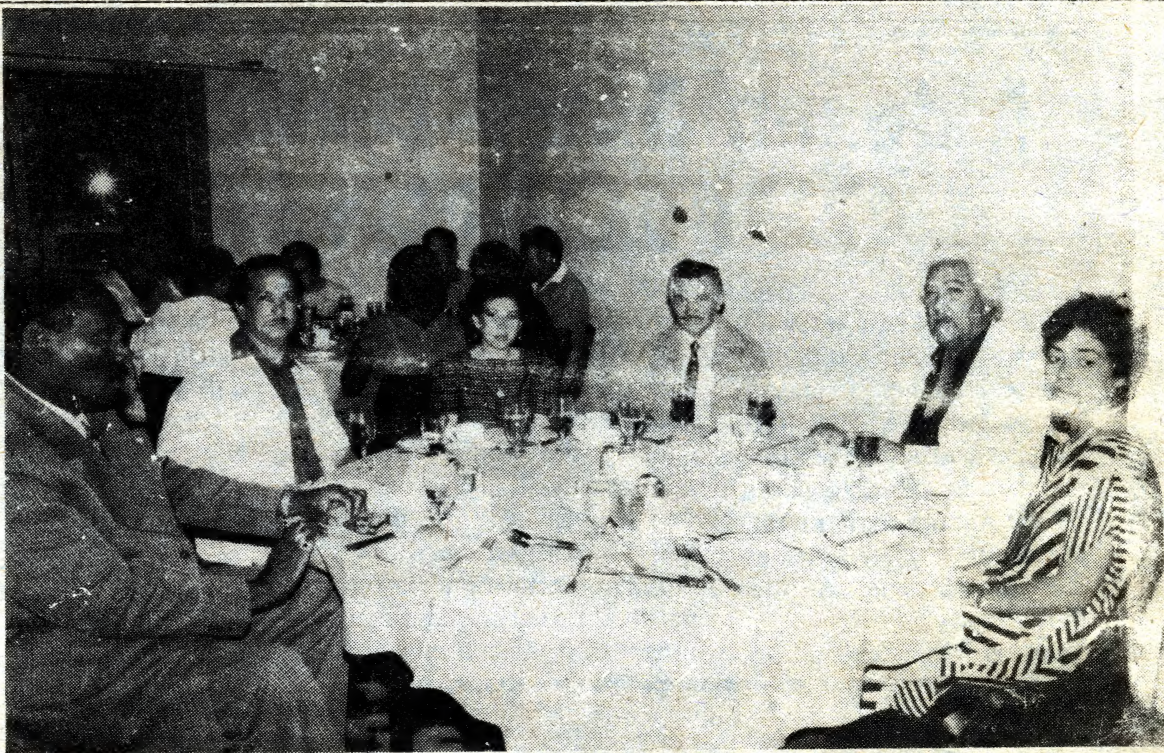
Jackson, who last week called on Pope John Paul II to visit South Africa, is on a week-long visit to western Europe to urge greater action against the Pretoria government's policies of racial segregation.

Island Sightseeing Established

Island Sightseeing was recently established by a group of young people to promote tourism on the island. The motto of the group is "Aruba", not just to be seen, to be enjoyed". The activities of the group consists of: Private Guide, Activities, Scening Routes Sightseeing, Beach Treat, Shopping Spree, Cave exploring, Nightlife, etc. etc. Island Tours also has offices in Curacao, Bonaire, St. Maarten and St. Eustatius.



ORANJESTAD—
Guides of "Island Sightseeing Aruba". Members of the group cleaned up around the California lighthouse and painted it in order for it to once again become one of the island's most beautiful tourist attractions. It is the aim of the group to make 1985 a real year of hospitality for Aruba.



ORANJESTAD—
The Aruba Hotels affiliated with AHATA honored the island's taxi drivers at a dinner for their contribution to tourism in 1984. Speakers were: Mr. Raymond Maduro, President of Sun Development Co., Mr. Rory Arends, and Mr. Rafael Estrada of the Aruba Tourism Office and Mr. Fefe Bareño of the Taxi Cooperative. Also present were Mr. Jan de Ruyter, President of the AHATA and Mr. Henk Smouter, Executive Director. "Lirios del Campo" provided the musical entertainment.

BAD MANAGEMENT

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have been better off if the hotel had been given away to any reliable outfit willing to guarantee its continued operations after upgrading and cost

trimming. The way things are now we fear that all we will have is a skeleton hotel, no jobs, no re-opening next year, a nice sign and Aruven holding the bag (again). The same thing goes for the Americana Hotel and the Palm Beach. All privately ow-

ned hotels are thriving. This cannot be just coincidence!

-The governmental reshuffling should also extend in to the operations of government owned companies A.P.A. has been constantly in negative publicity lately. Arubus is being subsidized with millions to cover operation losses. Is this necessary? Do we need to operate Volvo busses to cover routes with a handful of passengers? Isn't it about time now that we complete the reorganization of our tourism office? Now that we will be depending more than ever on our tourism we need fast and positive action here. Experts are needed!

-Above all we need to create productive job opportunities. This can only be done by the private sector. We need incentives to lure entrepreneurs, regardless of their individual financial potential, in to making investments. Our free zone must be activated.

The private sector has in the past presented numerous reports to governments which never got any farther than a drawer in some desk. The S.E.R. Investment Promotion Sub-committee has also submitted numerous va-

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A dozen Dutch lawmakers due Friday

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao— A 12 persons Dutch lawmaker's delegation is scheduled to arrive here Friday to start a two week orientation visit to the Netherlands Antilles in the framework of the annual parliamentary Contact Plan between the Dutch and Antilles Parliaments. The visiting delegation,

comprising members of the First and Second Chambers of the Dutch Parliament, will be headed by Dr. W. de Kwaadsteniet, the Antilles Government Says. The visitors will be divided into two working groups - one concerning political structure, and the other the socio-economic

situation and development cooperation— to which the host Antilles Staten members will also join.

The two groups will be officially named during an extraordinary session of the Senate on Saturday, and at the end of the law-

makers' visit, the two groups will make recommendations to the Staten. The Dutch lawmakers will visit beside the island of

Curacao, Aruba, Bonaire, and St. Maarten. They are scheduled to meet with all four island government as well as the islands' business and labor factions.

MISS MARINES ELECTION ON JANUARY 19, 1985

The Marines of Savaneta Camp will elect their 1985 "Miss Marines" during a dance in the camp's recreation center on January 19. The Triple S band will dish out

the music for the dance. Candidates for the title can inscribe before January 13. Inscription forms are available at the gate of the Savaneta Camp.

STRICT CONTROL

ORANJESTAD— During the weekend the police in Oranjestad exercised strict control on restaurants, bars, snack bars and take-aways and other places where

food and drinks are sold. A total of 8 establishments were closed, some for not having a permit and others for not closing at the stipulated time.

MAMARACHO JUMP-UP AT CARIBE CLUB

The Caribe Club would like to inform its members that introductory

will also be allowed to participate in the Mamaracho Jump-Up at

the Club on Saturday, January 12. Admission for Jump-Up and dance is fls. 10,- per person. Deadline for introductory is Friday, January 11, 8 p.m.

What our readers complain about

Signs should be posted in the casinos showing the equivalent rate of the guilders to the U.S. dollar. An up to date list of the rates would prevent each hotel from charging a different rate

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Lourdes Figaroa named club manager at Playa Linda Beach Resort



Palm Beach, Aruba—Ms. Lourdes E. Figaroa has been promoted to the position of Club Manager, according to Mr. Rene Nieuwkerk, Managing Director of Playa Linda Development Co. N.V. The appointment was effective January 1, 1985.

Ms. Figaroa began her career at Playa Linda six months before the resort opened in 1983. She was responsible for hiring and training the staff, as well as establishing all operational procedures.

During the first year of operation, Ms. Figaroa developed a close relationship with Playa Linda members, as well as guests, and became involved with all departments as they related to the efficient operation of the resort. As a result, she was made responsible for all functions of the resort whenever the Club Manager was away from the premises.

Prior to joining Playa Linda, Ms. Figaroa was front Office Supervisor, and then Front Office Manager at the Aruba Palm Beach Hotel. Earlier, she served an internship at Omni International in Miami, Florida.

Her education includes an Associate Degree (Cum Laude) from the school of Hotel Management of Puerto Rico, a branch of Cornell University, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Hotel Management from Florida International University.

Woman's body discovered in unclaimed baggage

LOS ANGELES, California (UPI) — The body of a woman apparently trying to enter the United States hidden in a large suitcase was found by customs inspectors yesterday among the unclaimed baggage at the Los Angeles International Airport, authorities said.

The unidentified woman, who appeared to be between 25 and 35, was found during a routine inspection of baggage in the customs processing area of the Tom Bradley Interna-

tional Terminal, said police Lieutenant Dan Lang.

"Our preliminary investigation indicates she apparently attempted to enter the United States by secreting herself in the suitcase," Lang said.

Officials were unsure what flight the bag came from. Customs supervisor Christopher King said the body was found in a brown bag measuring about 30-by-60 inches (76-to-150 cm) with no identification attached.

"The baggage tag had been removed or fallen off," King said.

The body was found in a group of bags turned over to customs by Lufthansa Airlines, but King said there were "indications" that the body did not come from a Lufthansa flight.

Officials would not say why they believed the bag came

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CHOLESTEROL

You don't necessarily have to stop eating eggs — but nondairy creamers are a no-no.

Cholesterol is big news as a major cause of heart disease — but media stories about it have left many people confused.

By ED SUSMAN

Here are some common myths about cholesterol and the facts that explode them, say experts at the American Heart Association:

MYTH: Cutting down on cholesterol means I'll never be able to eat eggs again.

FACT: Not true! There's no need to eliminate eggs entirely — just reduce the number you eat. Instead of having that two-egg breakfast four times a week, eat just three to five eggs a week — including eggs cooked in other foods.

MYTH: Fat people always have dangerous amounts of cholesterol.

FACT: That's also untrue. While overweight people are more likely to have un-

healthy cholesterol levels, there's no rule that says they have to. Whether you're fat or thin, only a blood test can tell how much cholesterol you really have.

MYTH: Slim people don't have to worry about cholesterol.

FACT: No, thin people can and do have high cholesterol levels in their blood.

MYTH: It's impossible for people who dine out frequently to control cholesterol in foods at restaurants.

FACT: Wrong — controlling cholesterol at a restaurant is simple. Just be choosy about where you eat and what you pick from the menu. Select a restaurant that has a varied menu, and order foods like chicken and pasta, which are lower in

cholesterol than are meats; eliminate rich creams and sauces, and eat broiled rather than fried foods.

MYTH: If my cholesterol level is healthy, I've got nothing to fear from heart disease.

FACT: No, you've also got to keep your blood pressure down, cut back on smoking and keep your weight under control. Along with high cholesterol, these are also major causes of heart disease. Diabetics also must keep their condition under control.

MYTH: Using a nondairy creamer in my coffee or tea will help me cut back on cholesterol, which is high in dairy products.

FACT: Beware! Many of those nondairy creamers contain palm or coconut oil — saturated fats which are high in cholesterol. You'll probably be better off with skim or low-fat milk.



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Best Ways to Apologize After You Hurt Someone

Simply saying "I'm sorry!" often isn't enough to make amends after you've hurt someone's feelings, says a psychologist who gives tips on the best ways to make up.

"Even when dealing with someone with a forgiving nature, saying 'I'm sorry' rarely does the trick," declared Dr. Herbert Hoffman.

"Much as you'd like to wipe the slate clean, it's not that easy. It takes extra effort to recoup." Here's what he says you should do:

- Send a written apology. "The written word carries more weight than anything you could say," Dr. Hoffman explained. "Putting your apology in writing emphasizes your sincere regrets."

- Encourage the person you've hurt to let off steam. "Clear the air... let th

dividual blast you, to vent his or her anger and feelings," Dr. Hoffman advised.

"If unexpressed angers and unspoken resentments are not brought to the surface, they may smolder and hinder further communication for years to come. Your relationship may be damaged beyond repair."

- Exaggerate your failings. Assume responsibility for what happened, Dr. Hoffman said. Adopt an "I'm a rat" stance. "The more blame you assume, the more likely you are to be completely forgiven."

- Do something concrete to make amends, or to show evidence of your remorse. "Send flowers or candy. Buy a small gift. Extend a dinner invitation. Be as generous as you can," Dr. Hoffman suggested. "Your gesture will assure the hurt party that you're sincerely sorry."

- Compliment the injured party for having a "forgiving nature."

Most people invariably react favorably to compliments and approval. They try to live up to the positive expectations others have of them.

Even someone determined to carry a grudge, be negative, or nurse his hurt will soften once he discovers you expect much better of him.

How Cubans can get visas for the U.S.

MEXICO CITY, Mexico — (UPI) — The U.S. Interest Section in Cuba has issued new guidelines on how to apply for immigrant visas to the United States, the official Cuban news agency Prensa Latina reports.

The report, monitored in Mexico City, said the Interest Section published a notice in the Communist Party newspaper Granma announcing the renewal of visa applications.

Cubans "eligible" to apply for immigrant visas include those who have been charged with "offenses against state security," Prensa Latina reported.

The Interest Section also announced that Cubans older than 21 years and siblings of

Cubans who are now U.S. citizens will be added to those eligible for visas. Previously spouses, parents and minor children only were eligible.

The notice also said spouses and unmarried children of permanent legal residents of the United States are eligible for immigrant visas as well as all those included in a bilateral immigration accord signed in December.

The United States has not had formal relations with Cuba since 1961, but the U.S. Interest Section, supervised by the Swiss Embassy, was opened in Havana in 1977. The Cubans opened their Interest Section office at the Swiss Embassy in Washington at the same time.

Hong Kong to help build nuke plant

HONG KONG (UPI) — Hong Kong on the weekend approved a plan to help China build a nuclear power plant, clearing the way for Peking's first foreign joint venture in nuclear energy despite questions about its safety.

Government approval was one of the last legal hurdles facing the \$3.5 billion Daya Bay nuclear project, which will be built in southern China's Guangdong province, of the border with Hong Kong.

W.F. Stones, an official with China Light and Power Co., the Hong Kong utility taking part, said he anticipated swift final approval by China and the signing of a joint venture agreement in Peking "later this month."

Greece switches enemies

ATHENS, Greece (UPI) — Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu's government Tuesday approved a new defense policy identifying Turkey, rather than the Soviet Bloc, as the main military threat to Greece.

"The Foreign Affairs and Defense Council of the cabinet met today with the participation of the leadership of the armed forces and approved the new policy of national defense," said an official statement released after the meeting chaired by Papandreu.

"The basic objective of our national defense policy is the safeguarding of national independence and territorial integrity of the country," the statement read.

Government spokesman Dimitris Maroudas said military details of the new defense policy which is aimed mainly at Turkey will remain "confidential."

New arms deal with Turkey

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Reagan administration says it has notified Congress of the intent to sell Turkey \$88,000,000 worth of spares and other supplies for a variety of U.S.-built war-planes.

"Turkey needs this logistics support system to maintain the readiness of the Turkish Air Force weapon system of U.S. origin," an official says.

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When it comes to looks, hair is the most important thing to a woman, say psychiatrists.

"Hair is much more important than clothes or makeup," declared Dr. Emery Breitner. "Ninety percent of women put hair as their number one priority as far as looks are concerned."

Dr. Alan Rosenberg added, "Hair is a woman's crowning glory. When it looks good, she feels great. When it looks bad, she feels awful."

Here's why it's so important to her, they said:

Self-expression. A woman's hairstyle is a psychologi-

Psychiatrists Reveal . . .

Why a Woman's Hair Is So Important to Her

cal window into her soul, and you can learn a lot about a woman's personality just by the way she wears her hair. For instance, older women

who keep their hair long are telling you, "I'm still young at heart."

When a woman drastically changes her hairstyle, it sig-

nals a change in her outlook. She's sending the signal, "I'm moving on, changing and growing," they said. Wearing her hair in a per-

manent-style often means a woman is saying, "I'm an active go-getter who wants to look good, but I don't have time to spend fussing with my hair."

Attractiveness. Single women feel great when their hair looks good because they're in a better position to attract a mate.

Married women feel good when their hair is right because it makes them more desirable to their husbands.

Confidence. When a woman's hair looks good, she has a great self-image. When her hair is a mess, she loses confidence and poise.

A woman's clothes can be a mess, she can have no makeup on, but if her hair looks sensational, she'll look attractive — and know it.

Cleanliness is next to godliness. When a woman's hair is shining, healthy-looking and clean, she feels pure and fresh.

She exudes happiness. But when her hair is dirty and straggly, she feels dirty and unattractive.

What Top Achievers Have in Common

A survey of 150 successful people aged 22-35 revealed that 81 percent exercise at

least once a week; 69 percent believe working well with others helped them get to

the top, and 67 percent think money was not a major motivating factor behind their

success.

In addition, the survey, conducted for the National

Coffee Association, showed that 65 percent of achievers

are very organized and 49 percent do not feel luck played a major role in their accomplishments.

Ministers Live 6 Years Longer Than Average

Ministers preach about the hereafter, but as a group they remain longer in the here and now, the American Council of Life Insurance reports. While the average 35-year-old will live to be almost 77, ministers and clerics the same age can expect to reach 83.

Over 3 Billion Pens Sold in U.S. Last Year

Americans bought 3.09 billion pens last year. That includes 1.35 billion nonrefillable ballpoint pens, 837 million felt-tip pens, 721 million refillable ballpoints, 169 million roller points and 9.3 million fountain pens, according to the Writing Instrument Manufacturers Association.

Easy Ways to KO Pain Caused By Standing or Sitting Too Long

You can beat nagging pain that's caused by standing or sitting too long — and stop it from striking again — by doing some simple movements that help pump blood through your system, say experts.

"If the blood isn't circulating through the legs, the legs aren't getting enough oxygen and this can cause discomfort and cramps," said

Dr. Herman Hellerstein, professor of medicine/cardiology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

"The heart is a long, long way from our legs, so it can be difficult to pump blood back up the legs when muscles in the lower legs are relatively inactive."

The simplest way to get muscles moving and blood pumping is to get up and move around, said Dr. Hellerstein — but sometimes

we're stuck at our desks, strapped into an airplane seat or trapped in a car.

In any of those situations, "you can do little things that won't disturb anyone and will help keep the blood flowing," he said. "For example, you can do heel lifts . . . that is, lift your heel off the floor by contracting your calf while keeping your toes on the floor."

"When these muscles are contracted, it squeezes large veins deep inside the calf muscles and helps to pump the blood back into the chest."

"Do a sequence of these heel lifts at a rate of 10 to 30 per minute for a few minutes two or three times an hour."

Tensing the muscles in the upper thigh is also helpful, said Dr. Hellerstein. Just tense the thigh muscles, hold for a second, then relax.

"Do this 12 times in a fast sequence, two to three times an hour," he said.

Dr. Carl Foster, assistant professor of medicine at the University of Wisconsin, agreed — and added:

"For those who have to stand up for long periods of time, shifting your weight from one foot to the other is a big help."

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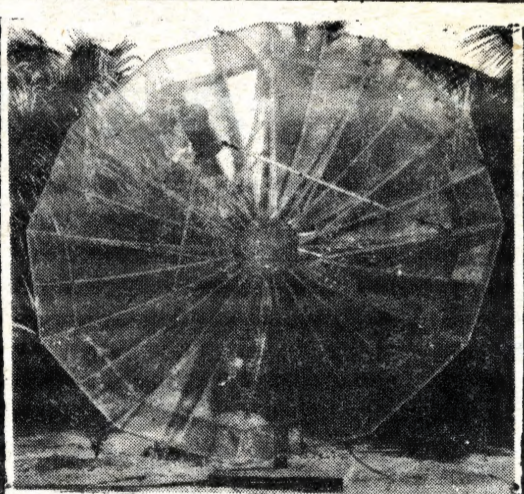
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uable contributions in this respect. Although belated, these reports should have been given even more careful evaluation and prompt implementation.

Laws that were introduced or changed in booming times when our economies could afford them should be closely re-examined. We should not be afraid of taking steps here too.

The dismissal law ("ontslagwet") is due for drastic changes. The same goes for the recent amendments to severance pay law (cessentia law).

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Complaining about health: We all do it

Old people don't complain about aches any more than the young even though they have more problems.

What really determines who whines about sore throats and sore joints is emotional health, not age, says Paul T. Costa of the National Institute of Aging.

Every two years since 1958, Costa and his colleague Robert R. McCrae have tested 900 men between the ages of 18-103. Of those, 12 percent were said to be chronic complainers, reporting two to three times as many symptoms as the best-adjusted men.

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